This Guide is for use with the NAPIT Application Form for plumbing operatives, it is not a guide about plumbing qualifications in general or for joining any organisations or schemes other than those shown on the form. If you have applied for both plumbing and heating please note that the hot water systems section is covered in both forms so you only need to cover hot water systems on one of the forms.

The application form asks you to use Codes from one or more of the six lists included in this Guide, please pay careful attention to the notes on the application form to see which parts of the form you need to complete.

To use this guide, look for the qualifications or certificates you hold in the following tables where you will find a **NAPIT Code** in the left hand column, then use this code on the application form. If you have more than one qualification in a particular list, please indicate the one most recently awarded or the one covering the widest scope. The columns to the right hand of the tables give information that could help you to identify the qualification from the awarding body named on the certificate or the Ofqual number if it is shown.

If you have a qualification that you believe demonstrates plumbing competence but it is not listed please contact NAPIT so it can be reviewed by our Standards Department. Such a review may not be conclusive and might indicate the need for work by other agencies such as the awarding body for the qualification, the Sector Skills Agency responsible or, in the case of an overseas award the UK National Recognition Information Centre (NARIC).

The following table summarises how the lists relate to the scope of work applied for:

General type of qualification (and list)	**Plumbing work applied for**			
	Sanitary ware (including water efficient taps and showers)	**Cold water supply (wholesome)**	**Cold water supply (non-wholesome)**	**Hot water systems**
Level 3 Qualification in Plumbing or Plumbing and Heating (LIST 1)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Alternative Qualification (LIST 2) plus 3 years' experience *Including level 3 in heating or gas utilisation, level 2 in plumbing or heating, apprenticeships*	LIST 2 plus Above Ground Pipework (LIST 3)	LIST 2 plus Water Regulations (LIST 4)	LIST 2 plus Water Regulations (LIST 4) plus Water Harvesting (LIST 5)	LIST 2 (plus hot water systems from LIST 6 where plumbing is not at level 3)
Limited hot water systems training (LIST 6)	×	×	×	LIST 6

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Important note for anyone applying as an EXISTING OR PREVIOUS (last 2 years) REGISTERED COMPETENT PERSON

Registration is available for someone transferring existing registration from another body, or registering within two years of any previous registration with NAPIT or another body. The scope of registration in this case will be the same as that currently/previously held, and you must still complete all sections of the form and provide copies of the qualifications indicated on the form.

Important note about EXPERIENCE requirements

The primary requirements for registration on plumbing schemes are qualifications or certificates of competence, if you hold such evidence there is no specified minimum experience requirement, for older and alternative qualifications you need 3 years' demonstrable experience as indicated in the tables. It is possible to apply without formal qualifications provided you have a minimum of 3 years' demonstrable experience and you are willing to undergo an Experienced Worked Route (EWR) Assessment which will incur additional assessment fees. The EWR assessment is against the same criteria as the qualifications and certificates of competence listed in this Guide and you should consider undergoing training and/or assessments as these are more widely recognised whereas EWR will be NAPIT specific.

Important note about SITE ASSESSMENTS

Qualifications or certificates of competence are required for registration, but competence itself must be demonstrated in practice and the site assessment element of the application process must also be satisfactorily completed. If the assessment finds weaknesses or evidence of a lack of competence NAPIT can require additional or repeat training and assessment in order to complete registration.

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LIST 1 – LEVEL 3 PLUMBING (OR PLUMBING AND HEATING) QUALIFICATIONS

A qualification from this list is suitable for all aspects of plumbing registration available from NAPIT without additional courses or specified experience requirements.

		For information	
NAPIT Code	**Generalised Qualification Title** *Exact titles will vary from those generalised below*	***Awarding Body Notes***	***Qualification Numbers (Ofqual)***
P101	Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Domestic Plumbing and Heating (with several pathways)	*BPEC*	*600/6863/2* *600/6285/X* *600/6284/8*
		C&G 6189-31 *C&G 6189-32* *C&G 6189-33*	*600/1122/1* *600/1124/5* *600/1134/8*
		EAL	*600/1252/3* *600/1451/9* *600/1657/7*
P102	Level 3 Award/Certificate/Diploma in Plumbing and Heating	*EAL*	*600/8549/6* *600/8593/9* *600/8595/2*
P103	Level 3 Certificate in Plumbing Studies	*C&G 6129-33*	*100/3357/9*
P104	Level 3 Advanced Craft Certificate in Plumbing	*C&G 596-2, 603-2, 617-2*	
P105	SVQ level 3 in Plumbing	*SQA or SNIJIB*	*SQA Code G9W9*
P106	Level 3 NVQ in Mechanical Engineering Services – Plumbing (Domestic)	*C&G 6089-05*	*100/3285/X*
		EAL	*100/5650/6*

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LIST 2 – ALTERNATIVE QUALIFICATIONS AND APPRENTICESHIPS

A qualification from this list is suitable for applications when you can demonstrate at least 3 years' experience and have undertaken the additional training as per the following table

	Plumbing work applied for			
	Sanitary ware (including water efficient taps and showers)	**Cold water supply (wholesome)**	**Cold water supply (non-wholesome)**	**Hot water systems**
Alternative Qualification listed below	Plus Above Ground Pipework (LIST 3)	Plus Water Regulations (LIST 4)	Plus Water Regulations (LIST 4) and Water Harvesting (LIST 5)	Level 3 OR Level 2/Apprentice plus hot water systems (LIST 6)

		For information	
NAPIT Code	**Generalised Qualification Title** *Exact titles will vary from those generalised below*	***Awarding Body Notes***	***Qualification Numbers (Ofqual)***
P201	Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Domestic Heating	*BPEC*	*600/6871/1* *600/6287/3* *600/6286/1*
		C&G 6189-41 *C&G 6189-42* *C&G 6189-43*	*600/1473/8* *600/1116/6* *600/1117/8*
		EAL	*600/1253/5* *600/1453/2* *600/1454/4*
P202	Level 3 Diploma in Gas Utilisation Installation and/or Maintenance)	*C&G 6014-03*	*Several*
		EAL	
		Logic Certification	
P203	NVQ Level 2 in Plumbing, Domestic Heating, Plumbing and Heating, or Mechanical Engineering Services Plumbing *(heating and ventilation qualifications would not be acceptable for plumbing registration)*	*BPEC*	*600/5270/3* *600/5271/5*
		C&G 6189-11 or -57 *C&G 6189-21* *C&G 6089-02*	*501/1981/3* *501/2102/9* *100/3284/8*
		EAL	*501/1752/X* *501/1606/X* *100/5649/X*
P204	Relevant indentured apprenticeship with documented evidence **[subject to review by NAPIT]**		

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LIST 3 – ABOVE GROUND PIPEWORK

The following course can be taken to cover the installation or replacement of sanitary ware including water efficient taps and showers, provided that a prerequisite qualification from List 2 is also held. If you hold a qualification from List 1 you do not need this.

		For information	
NAPIT Code	**Generalised Qualification Title** *Exact titles will vary from those generalised below*	***Awarding Body Notes***	***Qualification Numbers (Ofqual)***
P301	Above Ground Sanitary Pipework	*BPEC* *See Note*	

Note: The course may often be combined with rainwater systems and the title of certificates may include both.

LIST 4 – WATER REGULATIONS

The following course can be taken to cover the supply of wholesome water, provided that a prerequisite qualification from List 2 is also held. If you hold a qualification from List 1 you do not need this. This requirement also applies to non-wholesome water supply along with List 5.

		For information	
NAPIT Code	**Generalised Qualification Title** *Exact titles will vary from those generalised below*	***Awarding Body Notes***	***Qualification Numbers (Ofqual)***
P401	Various courses with Water Regulations in the title	*Several* *See Note*	

Note: Organisations delivering recognised courses for Water Regulations include: Blueflame, BPEC, City & Guilds (C&G 3345-20), CITB, Logic, and NICEIC. Certificates may mention the WRAS (water regulations advisory scheme) or WIAPS (water industry approved plumber scheme).

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LIST 5 – WATER HARVESTING

The following qualifications/courses can be taken to cover the supply of non-wholesome water to a sanitary convenience, provided that a prerequisite qualification from List 2, plus a course in Water Regulations from List 4 are also held. If you hold a qualification from List 1 you do not need this.

		For information	
NAPIT Code	**Generalised Qualification Title** *Exact titles may vary from those generalised below*	***Awarding Body Notes***	***Qualification Numbers (Ofqual)***
P501	Level 3 Award in the Installation of Water Harvesting and Re-use Systems	*C&G 2399-41*	*501/1645/9* *600/5690/3*
		EAL	*501/1849/3* *600/5247/8*
		ProQual	*600/6254/X*
P502	Level 3 Award in the Installation and Maintenance of Water Harvesting and Re-use Systems	*BPEC*	*600/6282/4*
		C&G 2399-42	*501/1644/7* *600/5689/7*
		EAL	*501/1850/X* *600/5250/8*
		ProQual	*600/6255/1*
P503	Rainwater Harvesting and Grey Water Recycling	*BPEC* *See Note*	*Not Ofqual*

Note: The course may often be combined with above ground sanitary pipework and the title of certificates may include both.

LIST 6 - HOT WATER SYSTEMS

The following qualifications/courses can be taken to cover specific hot water systems (indicated in their titles). If you hold a qualification from List 1 this is sufficient for hot water systems without any additional requirements.

		For information	
NAPIT Code	**Generalised Qualification Title** *Exact titles will vary from those generalised below*	***Awarding Body Notes***	***Qualification Numbers (Ofqual)***
HW01	Solid Fuel Wet Appliance Installer Course	*HETAS* *See Note 1*	*H004*
HW02	Various courses with vented, unvented and/or hot water systems included in the title	*Several* *See Note 2*	
HW03	Various courses covering warm water underfloor heating	*Several* *See Note 3*	

Note 1: HETAS is not an accredited personnel certification body but you can obtain evidence of training from them. You do not need to be HETAS Registered, registration with NAPIT is equivalent for self-certification against the Building Regulations and/or Green Deal installation and HETAS training evidence can be used in the application.

Note 2: Organisations delivering recognised courses for hot water systems (unvented and/or vented) include: Blueflame, BPEC, City & Guilds (C&G 3345-30), CITB, Logic, NICEIC, OFTEC (OFT 107) and UK Certification.

Note 3: Organisations delivering recognised courses for underfloor heating include: BPEC, Logic and NICEIC.

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